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SUBJECT: UK PLANS FOR ACCEPTING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: (A) LONDON 7029 (B) LONDON 6676 (NOTAL)

1. FCO OFFICER GOLDSMITH TOLD US TODAY THAT STATEMENT

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BY HOME SECRETARY ROY JENKINS ON MAY 8 THAT UK IS PRE-

PARED TO ACCEPT "A NUMBER OF REFUGEES" DID NOT MEAN THAT UK HAS SPECIFIC NUMBER IN MIND YET. SECRETARY JENKINS IS OPPOSED TO ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ACTURL NUMBERS EXPECTED OR ACCEPTABLE AT THIS TIME.

2. GOLDSMITH SAID HE COULD NOW INFORM US THAT UK IS PLANNING TO ACCEPT CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 100 REFUGEES MENTIONED REF. B IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES IN HONG KONG.

3. COMMENT. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT UK IS NOW PREPARING TO RECEIVE SOME OF THE REFUGEES PRESENTLY IN HONG KONG AND WILL NOW USE THOSE NUMBERS TO INDICATE THEIR PART IN SOLVING TOTAL VIETNAM REFUGEE PROBLEM. THIS MEANS THAT THEY PROBABLY WILL NOT ACCEPT MANY REFUGEES FROM OTHER SOURCES, I.E. THOSE PRESENTLY BEING CARED FOR UNDER U.S. AUSPICES AND AWAITING FINAL SETTLEMENT.

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